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SUBJECT: EXPORT LICENSE NO. C50312-701-1: VANGUARD DATA
SYSTEMS

REF: STOCKHOLM 4850; STOCKHOLM 1122; STATE 55878

1. EXCERPTS FROM LETTER SENT BY STATSKONTORET (SWEDISH NATIONAL OFFICE FOR ORGANIZATION AND MANAGEMENT) TO NCA NORDISK COMPUTER AB ARE QUOTED BELOW FOR ANY PERTINENT INFORMATION THEY MAY CONTAIN ABOUT OPERATING METHODS OF VANGUARD DATA SYSTEMS, INC. IN LETTER DATED APRIL 9 TO NCA NORDISK COMPUTER, STATSKONTORET COMPLAINED THAT LUND UNIVERSITY (FOR WHICH STATSKONTORET WAS BUYING) HAD RECEIVED USED COMPUTER MEMORY EQUIPMENT OF MAKE OTHER THAN THAT CONTRACTED FOR. EMBASSY NOTES THAT COMMERCIAL DEPARTMENT APPROVED LICENSE FOR EXPORT OF PRESUMABLY NEW EQUIPMENT ON MARCH 12, AND RAISES THE QUESTION WHETHER THE SUBSTITUTION WAS INNOCENT.

2. LETTER FROM STATSKONTORET STATES: QUOTE: ON APRIL 1, 1975 A USED COMPATIBLE MEMORY UNIT OF A MAKE OTHER THAN THAT CONTRACTED FOR ARRIVED AT THE LUND COMPUTER CENTER. MOREOVER, ON ARRIVAL THE UNIT PROVED TO BE UNUSABLE BECAUSE OF LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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DAMAGE. WHEN STATSKONTORET ASKED WHY THIS USED UNIT AND NOT

THE ONE ORDERED HAD BEEN SHIPPED FROM THE UNITED STATE, NCA EXPLAINED THAT ITS AMERICAN CONTACT, WITHOUT NOTIFYING STATS-KONTORET, THE PROPOSED SUPPLIER OF TECHNICAL MAINTENANCE SERVICES, OR REPORTEDLY EVEN NCA, HAD EARLY IN MARCH STARTED TO REBUILD THE EQUIPMENT CONTRACTED FOR INSTEAD OF DELIVERING IT. QUOTE: BECAUSE OF THE MANY UNACCEPTABLE DEVIATIONS FROM THE ORIGINAL DELIVERY PLAN MENTIONED ABOVE, AND AS STATS-KONTORET CANNOT ACCEPT DELIVERY OF A PRODUCT ON WHICH SEVERAL UNTESTED MODIFICATIONS HAVE BEEN MADE, IT DECIDED ON APRIL 3, 1975, TO ANNUL THE REFERENCED AGREEMENT AND TO PLACE AN ORDER WITH ANOTHER SUPPLIER. UNQUOTE.

3. THIS CASE HAS BEEN UNFORTUNATE. NCA NORDISK COMPUTER APPEARS TO BE VICTIM OF AMERICAN SUPPLIER WHO IS HIGH-HANDED AT BEST. EMBASSY IS ALSO CONCERNED BECAUSE STATSKONTORET, CENTRAL PROCUREMENT AGENCY FOR SWEDISH NATIONAL GOVERNMENT, MAY BE LED BY THIS EXPERIENCE TO LOOK ELSEWHERE THAN TO U.S. WHENEVER IT CAN FOR COMPUTER EQUIPMENT. STRAUSZ-HUPE

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